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- Prior to 8 December 1951, Volkspolizei Dienststelle [] was located in the former German Armed Forces billeting area at Apollensdorf. It totaled about 250 police and was organized into a headquarters, a 1st Co of about 100 VP candidates and a 3rd Co of about 55 VP officer candidates and officers. There was no 2nd Co. 25X1

- The key officers of the VPD were:

Rank and Name

Appointment

VP Kommandeur Fleissner (fnu)

Commanding officer.

VP Oberrat Gaudigs (fnu)

Deputy commander and PK officer.

VP Rat Kipka (fnu)

SED secretary.

VP Oberrat Plachnow (fnu)

Chief of staff.

VP Oberrat Steffen (fnu)

Director of training.

VP Oberrat Schlicker (fnu)

Chief instructor for driver training.

VP Oberkommissar Dietrich (fnu)

Chief instructor for electric engineering.

VP Rat Skrabania (fnu)

Technical officer.

VP Oberkommissar Werner (fnu)

Chief instructor for technology.

VP Rat Weissheit (fnu)

Commanding officer of the headquarters company.

VP Rat Huecker (fnu)

Commanding officer of 1st Co.

VP Rat Westphal (fnu)

Commanding officer of 3rd Co.

VP Rat Markort (fnu)

PK officer of 3rd Co. *

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3. The training of the 1st Co, which consisted of VP candidates from various VPDs, began about the middle of November 1951 and was to be completed by March 1952. After the first course of instruction having ended in October 1951, the 2nd Co was deactivated. The training course conducted by the 3rd Co with the object of schooling motor transport personnel began on 1 April 1951 and was to continue until 31 January 1952. Driver training conducted at the two companies was restricted to the operation of motor vehicles and motorcycles; there was no training in the operation of tanks.

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- * ☐ Comment. VP Oberrat Fleissner (fnu) is probably the officer who was in command of the former VP Bereitschaft in Grossenhain up to the end of 1950.

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1. Up to 10 December 1951, Volkspolizei Dienststelle [] Leipzig II was stationed in the former Artillerie Kaserne at 148 Schumannstrasse, Leipzig. It totaled about 1,600 policemen and had the organization of a standard VPD.

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2. The VPD was equipped with medium and heavy mortars of German and Soviet origin; 2 German 150-mm infantry guns; 1 x 75-mm infantry gun; one Soviet 122-mm howitzer; one 150-mm field howitzer []; 1 x 88-mm AA gun; one Soviet 76.2-mm AT gun; various armored vehicles; and 2 small, 1 medium and 1 large pontoon.

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3. The following key officers of the unit were identified:

Rank and Name.Appointment.

VP Kommandeur Walbaum (fnu)

Commanding officer, an ex-sergeant, who was schooled in the U.S.S.R.

VP Oberrat Helbig (fnu)

Deputy commander and PK officer.

VP Oberrat Schubert (fnu)

Head of the party control commission.

VP Kommandeur Gretzin (fnu)

Sovietnik, a Soviet Army lieutenant colonel.

VP Oberrat Riedel (fnu)

Chief of Staff.

VP Rat Koehn (fnu)

SED secretary.

VP Oberrat Hebauer (fnu)

Director of training.

VP Rat Fritsche (fnu)

Director of artillery training, allegedly an ex-artillery captain.

VP Oberrat Jendreck (fnu)

Director of armored training.

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Rank and Name.Appointment.

VP Oberrat Flugbeil (fnu)

Liaison officer to the SSD.

VP Rat Schmidt (fnu)

Commanding officer of the 4th Kommando, an ex-infantry lieutenant.

VP Rat Riess (fnu)

Commanding officer of the 2d Kommando.

VP Rat Fitzner (fnu)

Commanding officer of the 3d Kommando.

4. From mid-May to mid-June 1951, the 1st and 4th Kommandos and the 4th Sonderabteilung (AT Arty) practiced in the Fuchslöcher training area between Bornsen and Otterwisch, about 25 km south of Leipzig. Soviet units held field exercises in the vicinity during the same period. German police and Soviet Army units began joint practice on 1 June. In an effort to disguise the German police involved in the exercises, the police of the heavy units were issued Soviet uniforms and the police of infantry units had to hang Soviet shelter halves over their shoulders. Live shells were fired from Soviet tank guns during the period of field training. *

* ☐ Comment. For the first time in 1951, HVA units conducted training in summer camps, with the exception of some VPDs which had no suitable training areas at their disposal. In some cases, the summer camp training period was cut short because Soviet units claimed the areas concerned for field training. It is doubted that scheduled joint field exercises were held by Soviet troops and German police. The joint exercises mentioned in the present report may have been held for the purpose of firing demonstrations.

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